

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
May 12, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2014 Council Meeting and the May 5, 2014 Committee Meeting. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –

Shawn Gavin – 4125 St. John's Terrace

Mr. Gavin stated that he would like to submit some information to the Clerk so that it may also be distributed to Mr. Helmes, Law Director and to Mayor Collins. So distributed.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

April 2014 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger reported that the April income tax was down. Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the April 2014 Income Tax report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council Agreement

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2014-6**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Income Tax Board of Review

Mrs. Hedger said that information regarding the board is in the mailboxes and would like three names to appoint to the board by the next meeting. Mrs. Hedger brought up Mrs. Donna Todd as a possible resident to be appointed and Mr. Helmes said he will review if that is a conflict of interest as Mrs. Todd's husband is the City Treasurer.

Safety Committee

President Comer asked if the Blue Ash and Galbraith Roads intersection's processor has been fixed. Mr. Berens stated it is waiting on repair and also noted that Capital Electric resets it each time they go by that intersection.

April 2014 Police Report

Mr. Hall reported that the April 2014 Police Report will be available at the next regular council meeting. Mr. Berens reported that Police Chief Schlie is now back on light duty/desk work only until he is released to full duty.

April 2014 Fire Report

Mr. Lehane presented the April 2014 Fire Board report stating there were 42 Fire runs and 134 EMS runs for a total of runs of 176 in April 2014. For the year 2014 so far there have been 213 fire runs and 611 EMS runs for a total of 824 runs.

Mr. Lehane stated that on May 20 a meeting will take place to begin the process for hiring a new Fire Chief. Mr. Berens stated that internal candidates will be considered before any external candidates.

Mr. Donnellon reminded all that Memorial Day is the “unofficial” start to summer and to please be careful driving as lots of kids will be out more frequently in the community.

Public Works Committee

STP and TAP Grants for Blue Ash Road Improvements

Mr. Tassell reported that there are no real new updates at this time on the STP and TAP grants but did note that he is looking to revise the grants to see if some of the STP can be shifted to TAP, reason being that STP funds are double requested while TAP funds are only 40% requested.

MacNicholas Storm Water Repair Project

Mr. Berens stated he has not heard back from the contractors but did remind all that the company will charge us for a whole day’s work but will not need an entire day to complete. Other work nearby will be also be done since we are paying for a full day.

Redmont Avenue Improvement Project

Mr. Berens stated that Water Works has responded to the engineers and will cover the replacement of the water main on Redmont Avenue at 100%. The city is expected to cover the cost for fire hydrants needing replaced. The Fire Department looked at them and determined that only one needs replaced. Plans will be received from the utilities by late June. We go to bid advertisement July 14, bid opening begins August 4 and City Council will award the contract August 11. The bid is going to be in conjunction with Silverton so we hope to get lower bids. We are hoping for substantial completion by October 30, right in time for Halloween. After the first two courses are put on, prior to October 30, it will sit over winter with the final course being put on in April or May 2015 which is similar to the Dalton Avenue project.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board Report

Mr. Perin reported the Knothole All Star Games will be held on May 24 on Diamonds 1 and 2 and the Park Board will be grilling out. The Memorial Day Parade is May 26 at 9:45 am. June 14, the community yard sale will be at 2 pm at the lower end of the park. June 21 is the first movie in the park this year. President Comer mentioned that Bark in the Park is this Saturday, May 17.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far - None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous - None

New Business

President Comer reported that Mayor Collins asked him to remind all that the annual VFW Memorial Day Parade is Monday May 26 at 9:45 am in Silverton and will proceed on Ohio Ave. to Webster Ave. to Blue Ash Rd. to Chamberlin Park for a ceremony at about 10:30 am.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director –

Mr. Berens stated that OKI is updating their Strategic Regional Policy Plan and would like feedback from all of us, including the audience. Please go to www.howdowegrow.org to provide your input.

Mr. Berens received a letter from the Sycamore Senior Center stating they are in need of volunteers to drive for Meals on Wheels in Deer Park, Dillonvale, Reading and Loveland. Please contact Jake Jacobs at 686-1003 or the Sycamore Senior Center at 984-1234 if you are able to help. Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested in volunteering.

Mr. Berens mentioned that May 29 is the Hamilton County Municipal League's May membership meeting. It is at the Lincoln Heights Health Center located on Steffen Ave. The reception starts at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30. There will also be a brief business and treasurer meeting. Emily Shafer, a PR Coordinator for the city of Blue Ash, will be discussing social media.

Mayor's Report – None

Adjournment

Mr. Tassell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joanie Perin-Seitz
Clerk of Council